

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, and 10 are the independent claims.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Initially, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 4-19 are allowed. By the present Amendment, Applicant has not amended any of allowed claims 4-9 and 11-19 and has only amended claim 10 to address a rejection to that claim. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4-19 should remain allowed.

The Office Action objected to claim 10 on formal grounds. By the present Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 10 in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,910,808 (Fukasawa et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 now recites, inter alia, a driving gear surrounding a shaft and rotatable in a direction about the shaft and including a stopper integrally formed on a side of the driving gear and having at least one protrusion, a ratchet rotatable about the shaft, movable about an axial direction, having one or more cam recesses formed on an upper side each of which receive the at least one protrusion, and having a driving ratchet formed at a lower side, and a rotor to which the plurality of rollers are rotatably mounted, rotatable about the fixing shaft, movable about an axial direction, and having a driven ratchet formed on an upper side.

It is to be appreciated that independent claim 1 has been amended to include features of claim 10 indicated as patentable by the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 1 patentably defines the present invention over the citations of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and

further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

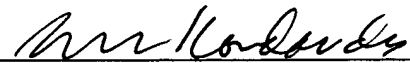
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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